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SUBJECT: ARTICLE 24:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 079713

1. IN THE COMPANY OF ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER, ON MORNING OF APRIL 19, I DELIVERED TO STATE SECRETARY SACHS LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER ON 24:6. (SACHS WAS ACTUALLY IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY IN THE ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER AND STATE SECRETARY FRANK).

2. I TOOK THE OCCASION TO REMIND SACHS OF THE HELP THE GERMANS HAD BEEN TO US ON THE SUBJECT IN THE PAST AND OF THE ASSURANCES CONTAINED IN THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S LETTER TO THE SECRETARY. I REFERRED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE TALKS BETWEEN SENIOR COMMISSION OFFICIALS AND

US REPS SINCE THE LAST EC COUNCIL MEETING AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT A WAY COULD BE FOUND TO REACH AGREEMENT BASED ON US PROPOSALS DURING THE COMMITTEE 113 AND PERMREPS MEETINGS THIS COMING WEEK. I EXPRESSED THE FIRM OPINION THAT SUCH A SOLUTION COULD ONLY BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF POLITICAL WILL AND NOT ON THE TECHNICAL LEVEL.

3. SACHS TOLD ME THAT THE FRG SHARED OUR WISH TO BRING THIS MATTER TO A CONCLUSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE SAID THAT PROPOSALS OF THE COMMISSION WERE STILL AWAITED AND THAT THEY WOULD PRESUMABLY BE FORTHCOMING AT THE COMMITTEE 113 MEETING THIS WEEK. HE HOPED THAT IT WOULD THEN BE POSSIBLE FOR THE PERMREPS MEETING TO TAKE CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION, RECALLING THAT COUNCIL LEFT CONSIDERABLE LEEWAY TO PERMREPS IN WORKING OUT A SOLUTION. I WAS PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO DRAW ON THE EBERLE/SOAMES LETTER CONTAINED IN STATE O77678 TO INFORM SACHS (AS WELL AS RREITAG OF THE ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT) OF WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED BETWEEN COMMISSION REPS AND OURSELVES SINCE THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING. IN DOING SO, I EXPLAINED THAT EBERLE'S LETTER MADE CLEAR THE AREAS WHERE WE ARE AND ARE NOT IN AGREEMENT EVEN BEFORE NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS.

4. SACHS THANKED ME FOR INFORMATION ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND ASSURED ME HE APPRECIATED THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE. HE REMARKED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD NOT HAVE WRITTEN TO MINISTER SCHEEL HAD THIS NOT BEEN THE CASE.

5. WE ARE FOLLOWING UP SEPARATELY WITH ECONOMICS MINISTRY.
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